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Whiteland United Methodist Church

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May the Grace and Peace of a Risen Savior be Upon You and Bless You this Day!

As we prepare for our Annual Charge Conference, the annual business meeting of our local congregation, it causes me to reflect on the last few months and celebrate the successes in ministry. Charge Conference is our time to uplift those areas that we are thanking God for blessing.

These areas include but are not limited to all the hours of service that everyone gave in order to make ministry possible. Although I haven't been part of the congregation long, it is apparent to me that many people make ministry possible through their selfless dedication and giving of their time. Their presence makes ministry possible for many events such as the Thursday evening community meal or the cleaning and straightening of the buildings or the numerous buckeyes or the great fish or the kind words in a card or the unexpected phone call or visit. You are important to ministry and mission---Thank You for Your Service!

We also celebrate the financial support for the ministry to occur. From the unsolicited gift to the weekly tithe, it is all important for the ministry function. These gifts and financial offerings make it possible to assist those who would otherwise go without. From the child who would be without socks, underwear, gloves, coats to the family who are homeless, we celebrate the blessing of God people who gave from their abundance generously and extravagantly.

We celebrate those who have dedicated themselves to be intentional in their spiritual growth. From the volunteers who led Sunday School classes for all ages to those who sought personal development through individual study.

Those who are intentional are an inspiration to others and can have impact on a number of people without ever saying a word. Thank you for your dedication and perseverance.

We celebrate those who have been present and willing to welcome those who are new. Your hospitality has had an effect on many. Our worship attendance has increased over the last few months as well as the number of people who are participating in other ways. This opens the door to welcome new believers and seekers of the faith. One in particular needs special recognition. A very warm thank you to Jerry Lasiter for being a wonderful ambassador of welcoming. Thank you Jerry!

This coming year, we have set goals in all of these areas. These goals not only serve to challenge us but also to remind us who we are and whose we are. It is that time of year again for us to hold our annual business meeting. We will be discussing numbers and information on many pieces of paper. This is not who we are. This is only one way of conveying the story. Our story is about God and about People. Let us walk together in faith into this next year with our challenges, our opportunities, our celebrations and our moments in reflection as a people seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Peace,

Pastor Ed

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1st 1:00 pm WUMW Circle Meeting
6:30 pm Daisy (ED)
7:00 pm Staff Parish
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

2nd 7:00 pm WUMW Circle Meeting

3rd 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS
6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)

7th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

8th 6:45 pm Charge Conference @ Grace UMC
6:30 Daisy (ED)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

10th 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS
6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawls (Sanctuary)

12th 7:00 pm Dishpan Pie (UTS)

14th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Finance

15th 6:30 pm Clover 4-H (FH)
6:30 pm Daisy (ED)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

17th 5:00 pm Free meal at UTS
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

20th Fletcher Place Sunday

21st 7:00 pm Trustees (A)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

22nd 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts (Ed)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

23rd 11:00am—2:00pm Stone Soup with Day Care

24th 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS
5:30 pm tutoring (UTS)
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

28th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

29th 6:30 pm Daisy
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

1st Becky Haveman

2nd Marcus Hanger
Glenna Harmon

3rd Zoe Usher

9th Kyle Robson
Joe Clarkson
Helen Schultz

11th Jack Sayles
Eric Banister

14th Steve-Nancy
Sowder Anniversary
Vicki Camden

15th Randy Scott

16th Cynthia Hawk
Emily Ketterer

20th Steve Cisco
Savannah Allender
Nick Simms

25th Katie Mitchell

26th Dean Houseman

27th Stephanie Allender
Mary Jo Tuttle
Fred-Louise Brinkman Anniversary

28th Opal Baker
Crystal Ashbrook
Eileen Mathews

30th Kathy Mitchell
Earl Byers



WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (FH)
Youth & Children upstairs

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Children Sunday School

11:15 am Worship at UTS

5:00 pm Senior High Youth

5:15 pm UTS Praise Team (UTS)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

CROP WALK Complete!

Today, I am proud to be a member of our church. Some time ago, I asked you to help me to "Stomp Out Hunger" by supporting the Johnson County CROP WALK. I mentioned four ways to do that. You could support us with your presence, your prayers, your gifts and your service.

Our church had not participated in this cause for the past few years and I had my doubts about an easy re-entry into the effort. We are an older crowd and walking three and one-half miles is a chore for most of us. From somewhere, there came a sense of determination. We had seven walkers, many prayers, and contributions totaling \$598.00.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each of you that helped in this project. May God bless you for your care and kindness.

Keith Conrow
CROP WALK Chairman



Daycare News

As we head forward into the busy holiday season we want the children to remember what the season is all about. We will be teaching them about sharing through the donation of canned goods to the Interchurch food pantry. We also will have a stone soup luncheon on November 23, from 11-12. If you would like to have lunch with the children please call the daycare (535-0679).

Thank You

**Whiteland United Methodist Church
October 12, 2011**

Thank you for the generous donation of \$500 you gave to Christian Help Inc. CHI uses your donation to help those who are homeless or near homeless. CHI volunteers work as the hands and feet of Christ as we pay utility bills, reconnect fees, rent mortgages, gas cards, bus passes and other bill that will aid a family stay in their home.

Christian Help Inc. appreciates your efforts and prayers as we work to alleviate homelessness in Johnson County. We are grateful for your belief in our efforts.

Grace and peace to you,

**LaTheda Noonan, MSW, LSW
Executive Director**

*"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever."
Psalm 106:1*



Mission Committee Notes

Thanks for the Undies! Teachers will love you.

As always feel free to call with questions and suggestions

Violet Money (317-535-4715)

PowerPoint / Media Operation Schedule November

PPT Creation: Susan Tirsway

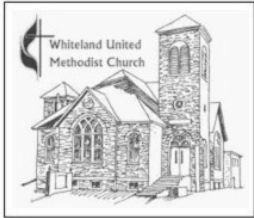
Nov 6 – Dave Ketterer

Nov 13 – Nolan Mitchell

Nov 20 – Steve Sowder

Nov 27 – Tina/Paul McAninch





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Greeters & Ushers Schedule

November	6th	13th	20th	27th
GREETERS	Joan & Jack Privett	Sandy & Merrill Eddy	Ruth Kelsay & Glenna Harmon	Norman & Wayne Fansler
USHERS	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Glenn Haveman Clarence Money	Jack Privett Nolan Mitchell Clarence Money Dean Houseman	Clarence Money Wayne Fansler Merrill Eddy Jerry Lasiter	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Clarence Money Kenneth Demaree

December	4th	11th	18th	25th
GREETERS	Michelle and Eric Banister	Wilma and Nolan Mitchell	Kathy and Dean Houseman	Violet and Clarence Money
USHERS	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Nolan Mitchell	Glenn Haveman Jack Privett Kenneth Demaree Clarence Money	Michelle Banister Violet Money Kathy Houseman Wilma Mitchell	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Clarence Money Wayne Fansler